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Message from the School Administration

May will be another busy month that we look forward to. We will once again be very busy with many activities, events and programs which support our students' achievement and well being.

Schools for the Children of the World Haiti Fundraiser- Our Haiti fundraiser for SCW was a huge success. Over \$8000.00 was raised to help build schools in Haiti. Over the past five years, our school community has raised approximately \$37,400.00. Way to go MJPS families! Please take a look at the PowerPoint of some of the schools we helped build in Haiti on the front page of our school webpage.

Helping Hands-Nepal Campaign- Once again we hope that the MJPS school community can support this cause. In response to the tragedy that is currently unfolding in Nepal, YRDSB is coordinating this *voluntary* Helping Hands - Nepal campaign to support families and children impacted as a result of the earthquake that occurred on April 25, 2015. The Helping Hands initiative has grown in our board over the past 10 years and have supported families and children affected by war in Iraq, after the tsunami in South Asia [Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand], the hurricanes in Grenada, Jamaica, New Orleans-USA, typhoon in the Philippines, and earthquakes in Pakistan, Haiti and Japan. Please consider helping with a donation. More information is forthcoming.

Thank you Parent Volunteers!- We continue to thank the multitude of parent volunteers who support our programs daily. So many parents help on an ongoing basis in a variety of capacities: Parent Council, Carnival, Haiti Fundraiser, EcoSchools, coordinating guest speakers and special presentations, delivering pizza and sub lunches, supervising on trips, assisting with Parent Engagement Workshops, Grade 3 Transition Ceremony, coordinating community events such as Fun Fair, volunteering in the classrooms, running the Book Fairs, helping out with the first day of school or Grade 1 orientation, raising money for the school by organizing fundraising initiatives, assisting with community outreach programs, etc... Parent volunteers touch our lives in many different ways. Our staff would like to honour your time and dedication so as a small token of our appreciation, we would like to invite you for a continental breakfast on **May 21st from 9:00 to 10:00 am**. Please mark your calendars! An invitation will be sent home. Please also RSVP on the invitation if you are able to attend.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. Please visit our website for more updates and information: <http://michaellejean.ps.yrdsb.ca>

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A picture says a 1000 words.....

Haiti Kick off Assembly



Stacking Cups Fun



Awesome Concert!!



A picture says a 1000 words.....



Our Haiti Dance a Thon was a huge success!!

We raised over \$8000.00 to build schools in Haiti. Bravo MJPS!!!

SUZUKI NEWS

Suzuki Concert

All are invited to a wonderful evening of piano music presented by the students of the BAPS Suzuki program. Come and see these talented students!

DATE: Wednesday, June 3, 2015

VENUE: Beverley Acres Public School, Music Room #118

TIME: First Concert 5:45 p.m, Second Concert 7:00 p.m.

REFRESHMENTS will be served between 6:45-7:00 p.m.

Suzuki Classes

Interested in piano or violin lessons? The BAPS Suzuki program has been running at Beverley Acres P. S. for more than 30 years! This unique program allows students to benefit from lessons during the school day. Parents are responsible for taking their child to their lesson at Beverley Acres P. S. and getting them back to Michaele Jean P. S. For more information please visit our website at bapssuzuki.com or email BAPSSuzuki@gmail.com. Registration starts in May.



School Information, Procedures and Events

EQAO

Our grade three students will be writing the EQAO assessment from May 25th to June 4th. Wherever possible, we ask that parents do not schedule appointments during the testing period. It is very important for your child to be in school during EQAO testing. Please ensure that your child is well rested during this period and attends punctually. Thank you.



Class Placement for September 2015

The process for determining class placements for September will begin soon. After we determine class organization and teacher assignments, each student is individually discussed and placed according to a number of criteria.

Our goal is to establish balanced classes, providing effective groups which will benefit all children. Teachers in receiving and sending grades meet to carefully consider: learning styles, academic skills, social groupings, special education and behaviour needs, etc. You can surely appreciate that creating the best and most effective groupings is a task requiring careful thought and planning.

The teachers who have worked with the children this year know them and will make determinations based on each child's best interests. If you feel strongly that there are extenuating circumstances **not listed above**, please submit your request in writing, including the rationale for any request, to Mme Della Rovere prior to **May 15th**. **Any written requests will be shared with the team of teachers generating class lists, and we will do our best to honour them.** Accepting parental requests for specific teachers can be restrictive in forming ideal groupings. Requesting placement with an individual teacher, therefore, is not encouraged. At this time, we are uncertain as to which teachers will teach a specific grade. Staffing decisions will not be finalized until late summer; therefore, final class lists will be posted on the first day of school in September.

Snacks on Pizza/Sub Days

If you have ordered Pizza/Sub Lunch for your child, please remember to pack a healthy snack for them on those days.



Happy Mother's Day and/or Special Person Day



Spoons and Forks

Parents, please remember to pack a spoon or a fork in your child's lunch as we do not provide cutlery.



School Information, Procedures and Events Con't...

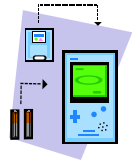
Are You Moving?

If you are planning to move and your child will not be returning to M.J.P.S. in September 2015, please let the school know as soon as possible as this will assist us greatly with staffing, determining numbers and class placement.



Personal Property

Students who bring valuable personal property to school do so at their own risk. The school has no storage facilities for valuable items and we cannot take care of these items for students. This includes toys/cards that are precious to our students. The School Board or school will not assume any responsibility for lost or stolen items. We ask that all valuable items be left at home.



Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

On Thursday, May 21 at 9am to 10 am, we will celebrate, appreciate and thank all of our dedicated volunteers with a light breakfast in our library...

We have so many people to thank:

School Council Members
Volunteers who help with the special lunches, help our teachers in the classroom, support us in the library,

come with us on field trips,
take work home to cut and paste,
help with special events, etc...

We sincerely appreciate and value your support!

Hope to see you there!!!



Concert #3 - May 7th, 2015

We are once again pleased to bring you our last concert this year so that each student at our school will be able to participate in a performance. We are thankful to our staff who will be preparing our students closer to this date. Performances will begin at 6:30 pm and due to space limitations and fire code regulations, each child will be able to bring only two guests. The following classes will be performing:

Mme Gray Mme C. Lee Mme Kim
Mme Griffiths Mme Marjanovic M. Attias
Mme James Mme Ryan Mme Kamyab



Fun Fair

Fun for the Whole Family! Don't miss out on our 7th Annual BBQ Fun Fair.



The Annual Fun Fair is coming on Thursday May 28, 2014, 5:00-7:30 pm. This is a FUN event for the entire family and includes many free activities for the kids such as bouncy castle, giant slide, obstacle course, games, photo booth, tattoos, awesome music & dancing and more! Look for your food and raffle order forms which will be sent home soon.

School Information, Procedures and Events Con't...

Parking and Arriving on time

In order to further protect our literacy and instructional time, we will commence classes at 8:00 am sharp. Announcements will take place at 9:30 am every morning while students are eating their snacks. Please bring your children to school on time as habitual lates will impact on their academic success. Additionally, if your child qualifies for bussing, please have them take the bus which will ensure they will arrive to school on time. For safety reasons, please do not park in our fire route in front of the school at the beginning and at the end of the day. Use the parking lot or park on the street. We hope that all students will arrive to school ready to start learning at 8:00 am sharp.

Board Information

Help for parents with children in French Immersion.

This site supports parents who have children in a "French Immersion" (FI) program and wish to assist them with homework in French. It is also a resource for FI students who require an accessible user friendly reference tool to help with homework. Learners and educators in other FSL programs will also find it helpful. <http://fslhomeworktoolbox.ca/>

Summer Institute 2015

Looking for fun! Looking for excitement! Then look no further than the Summer Institute at Crosby Heights Public School. The Summer Institute is fun way for kids to be active and engaged over the summer while still keeping up their overall academic skills. From athletics and cooking to crafts and technology; we have it all!

The program begins **July 6 and ends August 14, 2015**. Students have the option of joining for the whole 6 week session or by individual weeklong sessions. Transportation is not provided and the fees for the program can be found in our brochure on the YRDSB website under Programs and Services. As well, before and after care information is also available in the brochure.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/summer/si/Pages/Summer-Institute-Registration.aspx>

Registrations have begun and please note that all registrations should be delivered/mailed to Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning, 36 Regatta Dr., Richmond Hill On. L4E 4R1 (905-884-2046).

If you have any questions please contact the Summer institute Office at Dr. Bette Stephenson.

We look forward to seeing you for fun and excitement this summer!

